

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 522 - HB 1121**

March 27, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Amends current law so that a man named in a paternity petition and later found not to be the father by genetic testing would not be liable for any child support owed prior to or after the filing of the petition unless the man:

- Consented in writing to be named the child's father on the birth certificate, or
- Entered into an agreed order acknowledging he is the child's father.

Any previously issued judgment for child support would be deemed an invalid judgment and would not be enforceable by the court when the genetic testing proves the man is not the biological father of the child for whom support was ordered.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact - Jeopardizes federal funding of \$39,000,000 received for the Child Support Program and \$230,000,000 received for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (Families First).**

Implementation of the bill would place Tennessee in violation of federal requirements of both the Child Support and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (Families First). The bill allows a retroactive modification of child support that is not allowed by federal law.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director